

Historic District Advisory Commission

The regular meetings of the Historic District Advisory Commission are held at 6:30 PM the last Wednesday of each month at Town of Florence, Town Hall.

The Commission consists of seven commissioners, Town Council Liaison, and Town Staff Liaison.

The Commission strives to help property owners strike a balance between preserving the past and preparing for the future so that an authentic sense of place is maintained and new growth and revitalization is encouraged.



2nd Pinal County
Courthouse 1891

Historic Overview:

The Town of Florence, located in southern Arizona on the south bank of the Gila River has a mild climate, rich alluvial soil and a continuous source of water. As a result the area surrounding the town has provided a permanent home for residents for almost 2000 years.

Founded in 1866, Florence is the fifth oldest town in the state of Arizona. It experienced a boom with the discovery of silver in 1875. Many of the buildings and homes date from that period. Some of the commercial buildings were built in the early 1900s. There are many architectural styles represented. Building materials consist of adobe, brick and wood. With the creation of Pinal County in 1875, Florence was designated the county seat.

Grants / Tax Incentives

To enquire about the availability of grants and tax incentives for historic properties, please direct your enquiries to the Town of Florence Grants Coordinator.

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Design Review Guidelines

Florence - Arizona's Historic District City

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Design Review Guidelines

The Florence Historic Preservation Design Guidelines were developed to ensure compliance with the Historic District Ordinance. The role of the guidelines is to help:

- **Property owners and developers with projects located within the Florence Historic District.** *The guidelines explain the review process and describe the standards that their projects will be expected to meet.*
- **Historic Advisory Commission, Town Council and Town Staff.** *Guidelines provide a set of standards by which individual projects can be evaluated.*
- **Florence residents and business persons.** *The Guidelines are the mechanism the Town uses to protect its historic resources. These resources make the Town of Florence more than just another desert community; they make the Town of Florence unique.*

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Projects Subject to Review Process

- New Construction within the Florence Historic District that require a building permit.
- Rehabilitation or renovation of existing structures within the Florence Historic District that require a building permit.
- Additions to existing structures within the Florence Historic District that require a building permit.
- Demolition of a structure or part of a structure within the Florence Historic District.

Process

Town of Florence staff are eager to make the review and development process smooth and enjoyable. It is a good idea to meet with the Planning & Zoning Department and the Historic District Advisory Commission for

early consultation to determine how best to ensure your project proceeds smoothly through the review and approval process.

The following criteria will be considered in the review of individual projects within the Florence Historic Preservation District: Height, Setbacks, Proportion, Rhythm, Site Utilization, Façade Style, Roof Type, Materials, Projections & Recessions, Details, and Building Form.

Before beginning your project, please secure a copy of the Town of Florence Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. These will assist you in defining and planning your project



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